

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/726,953	GUIMARAES ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Shumaya B. Ali	3771	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Examiner: Shumaya B. Ali. (3)_____.

(2) Attorney: David Gloekler. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 31 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-5,8,9 and 12-20.


Identification of prior art discussed: Knab (3,923,482).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

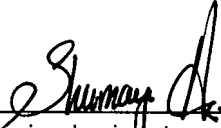
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.


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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

 7/31/07
 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Examiner Ali made a courtesy call to Attorney Gloekler on 7/26/07 to discuss Knab US'482. Examiner Ali informed Attorney Gloekler that the apparatus of Knab provides laminar flow (col.2, lines 66-68) and teaches structures of an air flow module (fig. 1-4) as claimed, and thus the apparatus claims are not considered patentable over Knab US'482. Examiner Ali pointed out that Knab US'482 however does not teach the method steps of claim 12, i.e. creating a flap in the cornea and moving the flap to expose a portion of the cornea and suggested Attorney Gloekler to cancel all apparatus claims to place the application in condition for allowance.

Attorney Gloekler called on 7/31/07 to authorize Examiner Ali to cancel apparatus claims 1-5,8,9,15,16,18, and 19 with an examiner's amendment.

SAK
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